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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 3 April 1981

The Director chaired the meeting. Admiral Inman was at a breakfast for Senator Leahy.

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The Director announced that Staff Meetings will be held once a week on Tuesdays and that anyone who has to discuss specific or sensitive subjects can get on his schedule. The Director said that during the week he will be meeting with small groups and added that there are other forums such as the Executive Committee to discuss problems.

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The Director briefly mentioned he was at NPIC yesterday. []

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Thorpe noted that the SSCI Staff has cut [] from the Supplemental budget request for covert action. Lipton added that the money was probably to fund programs []

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Lehman briefed on the military situation in Poland and showed a map of the location of three Soviet helicopter regiments which are reportedly going to move into Poland. Lehman commented on Soviet transport flights from Latvia to another air base in the Soviet Union. In response to a question from the Director, Lehman said we could not be sure where the airborne unit, which might be used in the intervention, would come from. In response to the Director's question about Soviet availability of fuel, Lehman said that the Soviets are more advanced logistically than they were in December, but they are nowhere near a full state of mobilization. Clarke said he would provide the Director with some talking points for his use at the National Security Planning Group meeting this afternoon. Bross initiated the discussion on what we could expect the Soviets to do to control neighboring satellites. McMahon said the Soviets were not concerned about any blow back because the satellites are ready to intervene, and Lehman added that the Czechoslovakians and East Germans feel endangered by what the Polish Solidarity Front is doing. []

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In response to the Director's query, Lipton said the paper on external consultants will be forwarded today (see Staff Meeting Minutes of 30 March). []

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McMahon said we know of plans that the Salvadoran Leftist Revolutionary Army will attempt to assassinate our Ambassador. The necessary people have been alerted. []

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At this point, Admiral Inman arrived at the meeting. []

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The Director asked if we had any reaction from the Nicaraguans regarding the aid cutoff. McMahon said that they are concerned but promised to continue to provide protection to our Embassy and personnel. Admiral Inman noted that the press was more strident than the government in denouncing the cutoff.

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